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CACAGNY Supports Protest; Demands Real Action to End Looting

On May 25, 2020 in Minneapolis, a visibly compliant man named George Floyd was brutally killed by police officer Chauvin over an elapsed time of 8 minutes as three other officers watched. Officer Chauvin has a record of excessive force complaints. CACAGNY applauds Hennepin County Attorney Michael Freeman for bringing initial charges against the officers within just 4 days of the killing, and President Trump for calling on the FBI and Department of Justice to launch Federal investigations within 3 days. We hope justice for George Floyd will be served. Peaceful outrage and protests are absolutely called for.

CACAGNY also applauds police chiefs around the country for their unqualified condemnation of the actions of Officer Chauvin. We hope all police departments will review their policies to prevent such deaths in the future.

Against this backdrop of universal condemnation, CACAGNY is appalled that so few politicians, and opinion leaders in the communities and media, stepped up to condemn and stop the wanton looting, arson, vandalism and violence that have gone on around the country for more than 10 days, and continues today. If anything, New York City politicians, through their deafeningly loud silence and their continued crippling of meaningful law enforcement, appear to encourage such wanton terror.

In New York City, our Chinatowns, which are already on critical support due to the long lockdown, are now boarded up due to the uncontrolled looting. Pharmacies, especially, have been targeted by looters for their opioid-containing pain-killers. And of course the looters left behind the usual ugly anti-Chinese slurs related to the virus.

Phil Wong, President of CACAGNY, says: “this is not outrage and protest. This is economic terrorism, to further damage a City that is already in deep economic trouble. Why haven’t Corey Johnson, Scott Stringer and Eric Adams condemned such terrorism? Why haven’t Bill de Blasio, Jumaane Williams, Andy Cuomo, and Letitia James done anything meaningful to stop it? The Chinese community demands safety, for itself and for the City. Answer your people!”

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